

SENATE BILL 914

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to campaign  
fundraising.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the provisions of this Act be applicable only during a period of adjournment for the purpose of reconsidering legislation passed during the legislative session in which the adjournment occurs, and that the General Assembly will not consider new legislation upon reconvening; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in subdivisions (a)(2) and (a)(3)," and substituting instead "Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (a)(2) and (a)(3) and subsection (d),".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310(b), is amended by deleting the language "From the convening of the general assembly" and substituting instead "Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), from the convening of the general assembly".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) If the general assembly by joint resolution recesses before May 15 in an even-numbered year for a period of not less than ten (10) calendar days, Sundays excepted, members of the general assembly and political campaign committees may conduct fundraising events and solicit or accept campaign contributions during the recess period that occurs before May 15 of that year.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, with regard to any candidate for senate, the limits in § 2-10-302(a)(2), § 2-10-302(b)(1), § 2-10-302(c)(1)(B), and § 2-10-306(a)(2) shall reset every two (2) years in the same manner the house of representatives limits reset; provided, however, a candidate has a total of four (4) years to accumulate the total amount allowed by having the limits reset every two (2) years. Any candidate running for senate shall have the same limits as any candidate in the same race who has accumulated limits under this section.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.